

THE LACLEDE BLADE.

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LACLEDE - - - MISSOURI.

Air castles in Spain are safe. King Alfonso has promised not to fly.

Three Chicago footpads stole 44 cents and got life sentences. Chicago hates pickers.

An Ohio pastor says "the kiss is an intoxicant and must go." Hereaway it is going some.

King Edward caught a cold in Berlin. That's what comes of kissing the kaiser, we presume.

Pittsburg has signed a ball player named Storke. Taking no chances on pennant race suicide.

A New York man paid \$22.50 for a cent dated 1811. Evidently money also improves with age.

"London society is slighting Lent." Just where is society observing the 40 days of alleged abstinence?

Ex-Queen Liliuokalani has been sued for a doctor's bill. What to do for our ex-queens is also becoming a problem.

There will be no war in the Balkans. No war with the Japs. This is going to be an era of peace for the world.

Banqueters in San Francisco ate eggs 100 years old imported from China. That country has no adequate health board.

Milwaukee court decides that a lady must not raise her skirt more than 14 inches. Too drastic. Let her clear at least two feet.

India sends America many rugs. All the pay the good weavers get for making them is 16 cents a day. Head weavers get \$15 a month.

Never was proof more evident that the United States navy is well supplied with men fully able to command a large fleet of battleships.

War between Austria and Serbia is still threatened. If all our clouds were of the European war-cloud variety the umbrella-makers would starve to death.

A man of 83 succeeded in hoodwinking his folks in Pennsylvania and married a young girl. He should not have taken so important a step without consulting his parents.

German inventors are making guns for the destruction of dirigible war balloons, which also will be armed. The man behind the gun factory profits both coming and going.

Confidence men who were interrupted by a policeman while engaged in selling a city park to an affluent farmer from Iowa naturally lament the restrictions placed on business.

"A little two-cent stamp will take your message across the continent; a railroad will take you only a mile for the same sum," says an exchange. Granted; but what's the argument?

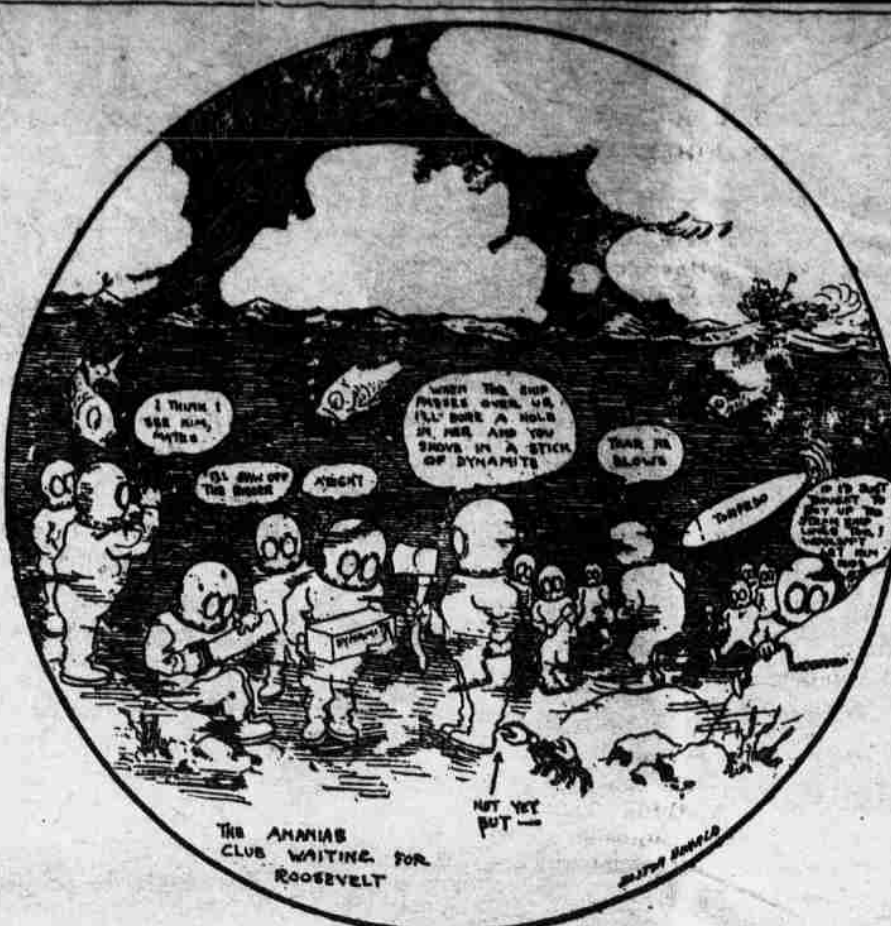
It is claimed that the German government has found a water plant which exterminates mosquitoes. In which it is to be hoped and prayed that the German government be not like other exterminators of the little pest—stung.

A woman of Tonderu, Schleswig-Holstein, is bringing an action for libel against a number of persons in the town who have proclaimed her to be a witch. She is boycotted by the entire population, and when she appears outdoors no one will walk on the same side of the street.

The German crown prince has decided that he will not visit the United States this year. Probably no one regrets this more than the crown prince himself. There is not the slightest doubt that he would have had a royal time, like unto that enjoyed by his relative, Prince Henry of Prussia, whose trip through the country is still remembered vividly by all who participated in the proceedings.

Things certainly have changed in Morocco when Raisuli, the notorious bandit, gives up the \$100,000 he is said to have received from the British government as the ransom for Kaid Sir Harry MacLean, the old sultan's military adviser, acknowledges the new sultan's sovereignty and promises to behave himself. Morocco without Raisuli on the rampage will no doubt be more peaceful but by no means so picturesque.

There is not much of an argument for co-education in the statistics which have been reported as the result of an inquiry into the marriage rate for women graduated from Manchester university, says the Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin. The young English folk in that university, boys and girls, sit side by side; but of 560 girls who have been accorded degrees for scholarship only 51 have taken the degree of matrimony in the university of life.



CRAZY SNAKE IS CAPTURED

WHITE MAN'S MOST PERSISTENT FOE GIVES UP.

He Is Reported Badly Wounded—Other Prisoners Taken to Muskogee.

Guthrie, Ok.—A dispatch to the state capitol from Checotah at midnight says that Crazy Snake has been captured and is under heavy guard at Thompson's farm 18 miles west of there. He is badly wounded in the thigh. This was reported by a rider who came into Checotah from the west Tuesday night. Nine prisoners were taken to Muskogee Tuesday night and placed in jail there and seven to Checotah.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.—Day-break Sunday morning saw a renewal in the vicinity of Hickory Ground of Saturday evening's fight with the followers of Crazy Snake, or Chitto Harjo, the Creek chief, when two deputy sheriffs were killed, another wounded and several Indians are believed to have been shot. The day opened desultory firing between 200 special officers and nearly as many Indians. Several Indians are reported wounded. State militia and armed officers and citizens moved all day Sunday toward the scene.

Five companies of Oklahoma militia marched Sunday night against Crazy Snake's band of Creek Indians, half breeds and negroes, entrenched in the Hickory Hills, seven miles from Henryetta.

Chief Crazy Snake and his followers retreated before five companies of Oklahoma militia late Sunday night, thus deferring an expected battle until Monday.

Indians Scatter.

Oklahoma City, Ok.—State militia are invading the hilly and wooded districts of the Creek nation searching for the scattered Snakes who until Sunday offered an organized resistance to state authority and impressed resistance by killing two officers who sought Thursday evening to serve a warrant on Chitto Harjo, their counselor and leader, charging him with conspiracy against the government. Only one engagement took place Monday. This was at one p. m. near the home of Harjo and was participated by a posse in charge of Deputy Sheriff Frank Jones.

Attack Priests in Des Moines.

Des Moines, Ia.—Following closely on an attempted attack upon three priests at St. Ambrose Catholic church here Monday morning during Lenten services, Father Romanelli, pastor of St. Anthony's church, Tuesday notified the police he had been attacked in his study by an anarchist. Police declare there is a conspiracy to harm local priests and close watch is being kept on suspects.

Scratch From Old Coffin Fatal.

Kansas City, Mo.—Blood poisoning, resulting from a scratch received two years ago while handling coffins, in which bodies were being transferred from various army posts to the national cemetery at Fort Leavenworth, caused the death at St. Joseph hospital of Max Retter, for 12 years superintendent of the cemetery.

Out of The Whirl.

Washington, D. C.—Weary of the gay whirl of society and face to face as she believes with years of physical suffering, Mrs. Pierre Lorillard, Jr., aged 49, wife of the tobacco magnate, committed suicide by asphyxiation at her home near the fashionable Dupont Circle in this city Thursday.

BIG PENSION FIGURES.

Many Special Bills Passed by Last Congress.

Washington.—In the Sixtieth congress 8,597 special pension acts were passed by congress, according to a statement just compiled by Senator McCumber, chairman of the senate committee on pensions. While many of these acts were to increase pensions already received by veterans the result of the legislation has been to increase the payments by about \$1,000,000. In the first session of congress, 3,579 such acts were passed and in the second session just concluded there were special acts in 3,018 cases. Since the close of the Civil war in 1865 there has been paid in pensions \$3,654,653,365, and the cost of maintaining pension agencies and administration of the pension bureau has been \$112,852,477.

SANTA FE ROAD IS SPLIT.

Beginning Wednesday, the System Will Operate in Two Sections.

Topeka, Kan.—The Santa Fe road has found it necessary to divide its system into two operating sections, and the new arrangement went into effect Wednesday. The eastern lines, of which J. E. Hurley has been made general manager, have their headquarters at Topeka, and include the Illinois, Missouri, Kansas City, eastern, middle, Oklahoma and southern Kansas divisions. C. W. Kouns, with headquarters at Amarillo, Tex., is general manager of the western lines, which include the Western, Arkansas River, Colorado, New Mexico, Rio Grande and Panhandle divisions.

Lodge Men in Trouble.

Kansas City.—County Attorney Joseph A. Taggart issued warrants for the arrest of George W. Coper, local agent for the Mutual Protective League, and for Dr. J. C. Lyster of Kansas City, Kan., in connection with alleged irregularities in the transaction of matters pertaining to the insurance order. The warrants were issued at the request of T. L. Parish, who was sent to Kansas City, Kan., to investigate the matter. He claims that 50 persons have become members of the organization without undergoing medical examination.

Captured Two Robbers.

Trenton, Missouri.—Ever road within a radius of 15 miles of this city was watched Monday night in an effort to capture the last of the trio of robbers who early Monday looted a number of stores in Spickard, 12 miles north of here, and later seriously wounded Marshal George Caraway in a fight at Jamesport. Two of the men have been captured and are now in the Gallatin jail. One of them is wounded and may not recover. Their identity has not been learned.

She is a Japanese Now.

Seattle, Washington.—Mrs. Gunjiro Aoki, by the marriage to the Japanese last Saturday, renounced all rights as a native born American woman. The law of the United States provides that when an American marries a foreigner she comes a subject of the governing power to which her husband owes allegiance. In this case Helen Aoki becomes a subject of the Emperor of Japan.

Arbor Day in Missouri.

Jefferson City, Mo.—Plant trees, shrubs and flowers April 5 is the appeal made by Gov. Hadley in his Arbor day proclamation issued last week. Notices have been sent out by the Missouri Valley Horticultural society to its members and other associations in the state asking them to properly observe Arbor day by planting trees. School children are preparing to observe the day.

MORE MISSOURI RATES A CONSTIPATION REMEDY FREE

RAILROAD ANNOUNCE ANOTHER BASIS OF FARES.

Gov. Hadley Not Satisfied and Says That the Effort For Square Deal Will Continue.

St. Louis.—Executive officers of the railway lines in Missouri Wednesday night announced a basis of passenger rates, in part different from those announced last Friday, which are to be effective April 10. The rates are as follows:

Two thousand mile interchangeable book on certificate plan at two cents a mile, 500 mile book good for bearer on all lines in Missouri at 2 1/2 cents a mile; 500 miles book good for the individual only on the line of the railroad issuing at 2 1/2 cents a mile and the three cent basis for single trips with a ten per cent reduction on round trip tickets. The mileage books will be limited to one year from date of sale.

Gov. Hadley, while here Wednesday night en route to Jefferson City from New Orleans, said the announced plan of the railroads does not meet with his approval and that he will take measures to see that the people of Missouri get "square deal."

He had already announced that he would take up the matter of passenger rates in Missouri with the interstate commerce commission and it is believed from his statements Wednesday night that he will have anti-railroad legislation introduced into the legislature.

MILITARY PRISON BURNS.

Fire Destroyed the Main Building at Fort Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kan.—A fire broke out about 10 o'clock Wednesday night in the tailor department of the military prison at Fort Leavenworth. Owing to the low water pressure the fire department of the fort was almost useless. The fire was fought by the soldiers of the fort who were all ordered out of their quarters and those who were on leave in the city were at once called back to the post.

The fire was not brought under control until the main building of the prison was destroyed. The prisoners were removed from the cell houses and put in a stockade. At 1 o'clock Thursday morning the fire was under control but still burning. Two casualties occurred, but no serious injuries were sustained. Estimated loss about \$200,000.

Street Railway Earnings.

New York.—A fair conception of the millions of dollars which annually are poured into the treasuries of the traction companies of greater New York, is shown in a summary of the reports of the companies for the last quarter of 1908, issued Wednesday by the public service commission. The gross earnings of twenty-seven lines from operation were \$17,798,078 and operating expenses \$10,712,836, leaving net earnings of \$7,085,242. Other income amounted to \$1,001,898, making the total net income \$8,086,360. The total assets of all twenty-seven companies are \$354,825,833, and their liabilities \$350,041,043.

The Wreck Caught Fire.

Salt Lake City.—Union Pacific passenger train No. 3, westbound, was wrecked near Castle Rock, Utah, at 4:30 o'clock Wednesday morning. S. J. Lewhan, fireman, and C. J. Gordon, baggage man, were killed. None of the passengers was injured. The wreck was caused by a landslide which carried a large boulder on the track. The baggage car, mail car and three passenger coaches at once took fire and were burned. The rear coaches were uncoupled and saved.

DECORATION DAY MAY 31.

Change In Date Caused by May 30 Falling on Sunday.

Topeka.—It was announced at Grand Army of the Republic headquarters here that this year May 31 will be observed as Memorial day. May 30, the date set by the legislature as a legal holiday, falls on Sunday this year, and, as is usual with all legal holidays, the Monday following is made the holiday. The commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic at Washington has sent out an order fixing May 31 as the date for observing Memorial day. In the order it is said, however, that if any Grand Army of the Republic posts have made arrangements to observe Saturday as Memorial day this order will not interfere with the plans.

June 14 is set as flag day, and the second Sunday in May, being May 9, will be observed as Mother's day in memory of the mothers of Union soldiers. It has been ordered that white carnations should be worn by all soldiers that day.

There is no action of your daily life of greater importance than to see that your bowels move. They should move at least once a day naturally, and by that is meant without any help. If they do not move at least once a day you can consider yourself constipated and it is time you did something about it.

You will be glad to know there is a way out of the difficulty, Lemuel Landerdale, an old soldier at Quincy, Ill., Elmer McMillan, of Speed, Mo., Mrs. Monahan, of Stonewall, Miss., and many others were as you are now. But one day they awoke to the fact that Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin was curing their friends, so they bought it too and it cured them. To-day, they are loud in praise of it.

What Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin did for them it should do for you. Surely your constipation is no worse than theirs, one of whom had it since '61. It only remains for you to realize that salts are of but temporary good, and what you want is a permanent cure; that purgative tablets, cathartic pills and such violent things make a great show of doing something, but do nothing that is lasting. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a scientific preparation, a laxative- tonic, a mild syrupy liquid that contains ingredients that not only cure the constipation, but tone the intestinal muscles so that they learn again to work without help. A bottle can be bought of any druggist for the small price of 50 cents, and there is a dollar size for families who have already found out its wonderful value in stomach, liver and bowel troubles, in old or young.

Send your name and address to the doctor and a free trial bottle will be sent you so that you can test it before buying.

If there is anything about your ailment that you don't understand, or if you want any medical advice, write to the doctor, and he will answer you fully. There is no charge for this service. The address is Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 201 Caldwell bldg., Monticello, Ill.

TIED OF THE REPETITION.

Plausible Argument Advanced by Youthful Tactician.

Dorothy, aged eight years, was very fond of going to church, and when a severe cold made it unwise for her to be allowed to attend services one Sunday morning she was disconsolate.

"Frauline will read the Bible to you," her father assured her.

"I don't want to hear the Bible read. I want to say my prayers," objected the child.

"God will hear your prayers just the same if you say them at home as if you were in church," she was told.

"But I don't know any without the prayer-book," argued Dorothy.

"Why, you know 'Now I lay me down to sleep,' papa said.

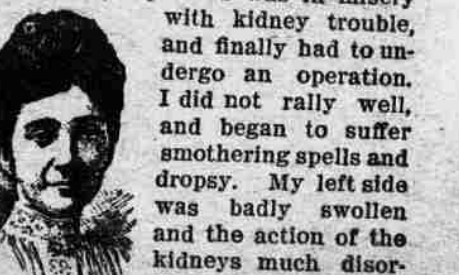
"But God has heard that so often," she remonstrated.—Harper's Weekly.

TWO YEARS OF FREEDOM.

No Kidney Trouble at All Since Using Doan's Kidney Pills.

Mrs. J. B. Johnson, 710 Wee St., Columbia, Mo., says: "I was in misery with kidney trouble, and finally had to undergo an operation. I did not rally well, and began to suffer from smothering spells and dropsy. My left side was badly swollen and the action of the kidneys much deranged. My doctors said I would have to be tapped, but I began using Doan's Kidney Pills instead, and the swelling subsided and the kidneys began to act properly. Now my health is fine." (Statement made Aug. 1, 1906, and confirmed by Mrs. Johnson Nov. 16, 1908.)

Sold by all dealers. 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



Business First.

There is a little present for you—a superb \$5,000 necklace—

"Oh! How nice of you!"

"—that I will let you have for \$1,300."

Fate of the Dutchman.

Patrick arrived home much the worse for wear. One eye was closed, his nose was broken and his face looked as though it had been stung by bees.

"Glory be!" exclaimed his wife.

"That Dutchman Schwartzheimer—was him," explained Patrick.

"Shame on ye!" exploded his wife without sympathy. "A big shapleen the loikes of you to get bate up by a little omadoun of a Dootchman the size of him! Why—"

"Whist, Nora," said Patrick, "don't spake disrespectfully of the dead!"

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup.

For children teething; softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. Dose: One teat.

Love is not blind, but those whom it affects are.